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INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.

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TITLE OF INVENTION

THERMALLY ENHANCED DIALYSIS/DIAFILTRATION SYSTEM OF 4 8 0 6 9 8 0

APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US

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I hereby certify that, on the date indicated above, this paper or fee was deposited with the U.S. Postal Service & that it was addressed for delivery to the Assistant Commissioner for Parents. Washington, DC 20231 by "Express Mail Post Office to Addresses" service.

Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:

- 1. [X] This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
- This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S. C. 371.
- This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371 (f)) at any time rather than delay examination until the expiration of the applicable time limit set in 35 U.S. C. 371 (b) and PCT Articles 22 and 39 (1).
- (X) 4. A proper Demand for International Preliminary Examination was made by the 19th month from the earliest claimed priority date.
- 5. [X] A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S. C. 371 (c) (2))
 - a. [] is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).
 - b. [] has been transmitted by the International Bureau
 - c. [X] is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US)
- 6. A translation of the International Application into English (35 U.S. C. 371 (c)2)).
- Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(3))
 - a. [] are transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).
 - b. [] have been transmitted by the International Bureau.
 - c. [] have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.
 - d. [] have not been made and will not be made.
- A translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c), (3)). 8. []
- An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)). 9. [X]
- A translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(5)). 10. []

Items 11. to 16. below concern other document(s) or information included:

- 11. [X] An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98 (with 76 references).
- 12. [X] An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.
- 13. [X] A FIRST preliminary amendment.
 - ſ1 A SECOND or SUBSEQUENT preliminary amendment.
- 14. [] A substitute specification.
- 15. [] A change of power of attorney an/or address letter.
- 16. [X] Other items or information: Letter Accompanying U.S. National Phase Filing; copy of International Preliminary Examination Report

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17. [x], The following fees are submitted: ALCULATIONS PTO USE ONLY Search Report has been prepared by the EPO [] or JPO [] \$890.00

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- a. [X] A check in the amount of $\frac{0.00}{0.00}$ to cover the above fees is enclosed.
- b. [] Please charge my Deposit Account No.04-0100 in the amount of \$ to cover the above fees.
- c. [X] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 04-0100. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.494 or 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the application to pending status.

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

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Serial No.: t/b/a (U.S. National Phase of International Application

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Sir:

Concurrently herewith, applicants have entered into the U.S. national phase of the above-identified international application.

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During the course of international preliminary examination, Examiner Sun Uk Kim had found all of the claims to meet the PCT criteria as to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability. A copy of the International Preliminary Examination Report is enclosed.

It is therefore submitted that the claims on file in this application are in condition for allowance under U.S. practice. Pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.496(b), it is requested that this application be taken up out of order.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: December 4, 2001

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